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Check dam built as part of beautification of Cubbon Park has turned into a dumping spot; clean-ups are irregular

DAM YOU, LITTERBUGS

Stagnant water stinks, is breeding ground for mosquitoes

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The Bengaluru Smart City Ltd (BSCL) had taken up the project for development of Cubbon Park. As per plan, the smart city officials constructed a gully plug or a check dam with a bridge on top for people to walk on it. Everything was fine, but one thing nobody had accounted for was the incessant litterbug in us.

As soon as the walkers and visitors of the park started using the bridge, the check dam ended up becoming a dumping space. So now, the beautiful design is marred with water bottles and chips packets thrown in.

Initially when the BSCL decided to implement this structure, members of the We Love Cubbon Park group and other regular walkers were against the plan as the company was said to have not done any hydrology report before starting the work at the park. They feared that construction of the dam would affect the wetlands. However, later the BSCL officials confirmed that there would be no problem with wetlands and went on with their plan.

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"The workers should be given equipment to clear up the spot. The water is dirty and cleaning it with bare hands poses health risks to the worker. Yes, it needs to be cleaned up, but not at the cost of someone risking their health

– A walker at the park

My way or the highway!

Insistent on taking toll-free 'shady' route, driver drops family off on highway at night

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Despite the number of incidents reported by those taking alternate routes from Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), cab drivers continue to take this route to avoid toll payments. A resident of Whitefield, who travelled from Delhi to Bengaluru in the wee hours of Wednesday, had to undergo an ordeal due to the insistence of the cab driver to take this route. Saurab Shashank, his wife and their 19-month-old were abruptly dropped off by the driver in the middle of the highway when Saurab asked the driver to take the toll route instead.

The family had landed at the T2 terminal at 1.35 am. They went over to the Uber booking counter at the airport. They got a cab immediately and asked the driver not to take them through the Budigere route as there have been several crime incidents reported in the past. The driver refused to take the NH 44 route. Shashank then cancelled the ride and reported to the airport.

Shashank told BM that he had booked the cab at 1.29 am. "As the driver refused to take us through the toll route, I called the airport officials and reported this.

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Basavanagudi voters come through

Citizens flocked to the Basavanagudi polling station on Wednesday to cast their vote. Even business tycoon Narayana Murthy and his wife, author and educator Sudha Murthy (left) were spotted leaving in their car with inked fingers. Karnataka came out to vote at 7 am on Wednesday. Results will be announced on May 13.

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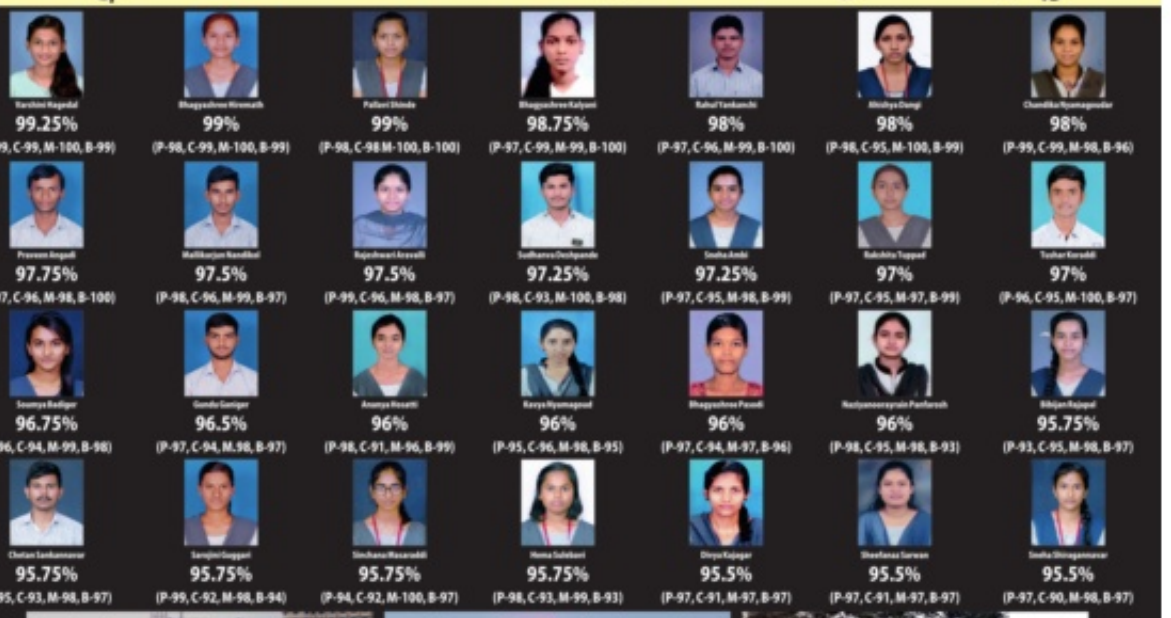

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From around the world for election day

Assembly elections bring voters, including first-timers, to Bengaluru from US, Australia, and more

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NRIs flew all the way from other countries to cast their vote in the assembly elections on Wednesday.

Kavya Singh, a resident of New BEL Road, working in California, flew back to the city with her husband to cast her vote. She said, "Voting is a constitutional right of every adult. We must exercise it wisely rather than blaming the government."

Zeba Fathima, a resident of Australia, said, "By casting our votes, we have the power to shape the government. Despite the 16-hour flight, I, along with my mother-in-law, travelled to fulfil our civic duty. The journey cost us $2,500, but the impact of votes is immeasurable," she said.

Likita, a medical student who was studying in the Philippines had come to Bengaluru to cast her vote as a first-time voter. Meghana, a city-based techie working in the US cast her vote in Basavanagudi. She wanted to set an example to others that distance does not matter, but votes do.

Akshay Ramesh, a resident of Jaynagar who works in Dubai, said, "At my place of work in Dubai we are given a priority holiday. I chose this day in terms of my responsibility towards the country." Sidrah Idrees, a first-time voter, made a remarkable journey from Jeddah. She said, "Every vote counts. There are constituencies where elections are lost by a margin of just 1,000 or 2,000 votes. I wanted to contribute by coming here and ensuring that my vote makes a difference." Pragnya Athri, a 19-year-old student studying in Chicago, arrived in Bengaluru to cast her vote in Yeshwanthpur.

> **"Every vote counts. There are constituencies where elections are lost by a margin of just 1,000 votes**
> – Sidrah Idrees, first-time voter

"Having never witnessed the experience of voting before, I felt a strong desire to contribute towards bringing about positive change. I was supposed to come on May 12 for a three-month vacation with my family. However, as I got to know about elections, I decided to book my tickets for May 10," she said.

While some citizens got the opportunity to vote by traveling from around the globe, others, found their names deleted from the list altogether. Raghavendra Kamalakar had flown from the US to Davangere via Bengaluru, but was shocked when he was told that his name was deleted from the voters' list.

Jenin Raj, an assistant professor from St Paul's College, whose name had been deleted from the list, said, "When I visited the polling booth this morning, I was informed my details are missing. When I enquired, they said they will rectify it when the parliamentary elections come next year. Despite me being alive my name was removed without my permission."

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NOT LEFT BEHIND

A voter turned out to exercise his franchise in an ambulance in Tumakuru. Sampangirama has been bedridden for the last four months after an accident. On Wednesday, he turned out to vote at a polling booth along with his wife. He was taken in a stretcher inside the booth and was allowed to cast his vote. In another instance, a patient suffering from renal disease arrived at the polling station in a wheelchair.

LAST VOTE

For a few, it turned out to be the last vote. Jayanna, a 49-year-old man died after casting his vote at Belur. Sources said that as soon as he walked out of the polling booth, he collapsed and died on the spot. Later, doctors said that Jayanna died of a massive cardiac arrest. However, a 68-year-old woman who had come to vote in Belagavi district was not lucky as she collapsed and died before entering the polling booth. In another incident, a 35-year-old man was trampled to death by a wild elephant near MM Hills when he was walking towards the polling booth.

AUTO TO VINTAGE

Former PM HD Deve Gowda travelled in a helicopter from Bengaluru to Holenarasipur first grade college (Hassan district) to cast his vote where his son HD Revanna is the candidate. There have been other instances where political candidates tried to grab last minute attention. Ramesh Jarkiholi who has been contesting from Gokak constituency arrived at the polling station in a scooter. On the other hand, DK Shivakumar who exercised his franchise in Kanakapura decided to shun his car and drive an auto by taking his supporters as the passengers. Former Minister Anand Singh drove a vintage car with his son Siddarth Singh who is contesting from Vijayanagar constituency to cast his vote.

MONKEY BUSINESS

Monkeys gave a tough time to voters and officials at Gulsaram village in Yadgir district. A huge tent was erected in front of the school premises. However, it gave a field day for the apes to jump from one tent to another. A few of the staff members had to be deployed to scare away monkeys but it was no match for them. A few of them even took pictures on their mobile phone where the monkeys were seen hanging to windows when the voters were trying to press the ballot button.

VOTE BEFORE VOWS

Wednesday was an auspicious day for many would-be brides and grooms. However, many such people made it a point to visit the polling station to cast their vote before taking vows. A bride exercised her franchise at Tilak Nagar, Bengaluru before heading to the booth.

In Bidar, both the bride and groom walked hand in hand to the station to cast their votes.

Sahil Dhariwal, 26, preferred casting his vote ahead of his marriage in Bengaluru. "I am voting for the first time. Last time I could not vote because of certain reasons. This time I made a point not to miss this opportunity," Dhariwal said.

At Periyapatna in Mysuru district, a couple queued up for voting soon after they tied the nuptial knot. —BMB

Names, off the record

After waiting in line, many could not exercise their franchise as their names were missing from list

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Hundreds of people who turned up at polling stations across the city to exercise their franchise were dismayed to find their name was missing from the electoral roll.

A voter from CV Raman constituency said that he has been voting in every election in the city since 2014, but still his name was not found on the list. "My wife and I went to cast our vote at Sophia School at Air View Colony, HAL. They checked the paper list and also entered our election card numbers on their mobile phones. They were able to find my wife's number, but mine was missing," he said.

Another resident, Neetha, who went to her polling booth at Nivedita school, Vasant Vallabha Nagar said her name was missing from the list. She added that the authorities had no idea why.

"I sat for hours going through documents, and I couldn't find my name. This is an infrastructural failure, that they don't even have a computer or an iPad at the location, to check the list. We also tried to open the website,but there was a network error. Instead of wasting so much money on campaigning, they should rather improve technology at the polling station. What is the point of asking for votes, if the voter is unable to vote?" she said.

A senior Election Commission officer said that it was the resident's responsibility to check their names beforehand elections. "We have been creating awareness for the past 3 months. After the Chilume controversy, so many names were added and deleted, so people should have been more alert. How are we supposed to know with more than five crore voters?"

> **What is the point of asking for votes if the voter can't vote?**
>
> –Neetha, a resident

Syed Afazal, a resident of Benson Town, waited in the queue to exercise his franchise. But, the election staff could not find his name in the voters' list despite having a voter ID card.

"I am a 62-year-old citizen of Benson Town. I have been exercising my franchise all these years but it is the first time that I had to return home without doing so," said Syed Afazal.

Afazal said his daughter Humera Afzal and daughter-in-law Nusreen Javed were also waiting in the queue to cast their votes but their names were deleted too from the voters' list. "Our family is quite disappointed," said Syed.

Imran Khan, his son-in-law, said that his brother could not exercise his franchise as his name was missing. "The booth-level officer collected data from us a few months ago," said Imran.

A BBMP assistant revenue officer Shivanna, assigned as a booth-level officer, said that he did not know much about the issue as he assumed office six months ago.

Iftekar Ahmed, a resident of D Street, Cleveland Town, said his wife C Farah Sultana could not vote because her voter ID had a male name. "The voter ID number is the same but the name of the voter, gender, spouse name is different. When we checked the ID card at the booth and online, a different male name with the same EPIC number came up. The officer on duty in Pulakeshinagar Assembly constituency said my wife could not vote," said Ifekar.

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B'luru fares poorly in voter turnout

Less than 50% turnout recorded in B'luru's major constituencies till 5pm

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According to data, the voter turnout for major constituencies in Bengaluru was dismal, with less than 50 per cent voting being recorded till 5pm. The Election Commission had estimated that at least 75 per cent would turn up to vote.

The lowest voting was in CV Raman Nagar (42.1 per cent), Bommanahalli (45.5 per cent), Vijayanagar (45.65 per cent) and Bengaluru South (46.86 per cent). The highest poll percentage for Bengaluru was recorded in Yeswanthpur (57.9) and Yelahanka where 57 per cent cast votes by 5 pm.

By 5 pm, the poll percentage in the state was 65.69 per cent while the highest polling was recorded by Chikkaballapur district at 76.64 per cent, BBMP (South) district recorded the lowest at 48.63 per cent. BBMP (Central) and BBMP (North) recorded turnouts of 50.10 per cent and 50.02 per cent till 5pm.

An official from the EC said, "Advance planning, use of technology, exhaustive reviews and strict monitoring ensured smooth conduct of elections. In a few booths, voters reached polling stations till the end of poll hour and were allowed to vote."

Polling on a Wednesday

An EC official said they had come up with an idea to hold the polls on the mid-day of the week to ensure people turn up to vote.

"In a bid to check apathy among voters, we had come up with an out-of-the-box idea by holding the poll in the middle of the week to prevent people planning an outing by clubbing the poll-day holiday with the weekend break. Had it been a Tuesday, a few could have taken a day's off to go out," an EC official said.

Violence

There was trouble at Masabinala village in Vijayapura district when locals stopped a poll duty vehicle carrying electronic voting machines (EVMs), manhandled an officer and damaged two control and ballot units following which 23 people were arrested, the Election Commission said.

The villagers damaged three VVPATs (Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail). However, Vijayapura SP D Ananda Kumar said, "Usually, the EC keeps a few EVMS as reserve and the villagers mistake it and smash them. We took action and ensured that there was no trouble voting."

In Bengaluru's Padmanabhanagar constituency, some youth armed with sticks attacked their political rivals in a polling booth at Papaiah Garden. A few women standing in queue to vote sustained injuries, the sources said.

In another incident at Sanjeevarayanakote in Ballari district, some Congress and the BJP workers resorted to blows.

By 5pm, the poll percentage was 65.69 per cent in Karnataka; highest turnout in Chikkaballapur

Inpatients cast votes

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) along with the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) made arrangements on Wednesday to facilitate patients undergoing treatment to exercise their franchise this election.

Manipal Hospitals had approached the BBMP commissioner along with the CEO, proposing the initiative.

Following a thorough health check-up and approval from their respective doctors, the patients were assisted to the polling booths in hospital-registered vehicles.

The patients included transplant survivors, patients under dialysis, an accident patient, post TURP, patients under chemotherapy, and recovering from lung cancer. However, Manipal could nominate only 16 who fit the medical criteria. Among the 16, two cases were transported to their respective constituencies guarded by medical staff including nurses and a doctor.

Patients were taken to voting booths including Anekal, Rajaji Nagar, Shivanagara, Sun City, Haralur, Malleshpalya, Malleswaram, Dasarahalli, Mahalakshmi Layout, Sarjapur, Yeswanthpur and CV Raman Nagar.

Karthik Rajagopal, Chief Operating Officer, Manipal Hospitals, said, "The votes of patients matter as well. Despite their health conditions, we helped patients exercise their democratic rights."

"I am a kidney recipient and my operation took place on 3 May. I was worried that I would not be able to exercise my right to vote. But the hospital ensured that I vote and reach back safely," said Yoganand, an inpatient.

Mallika, another patient receiving treatment at the hospital for the past four years, travelled from Chennai to vote. Her husband, Dorairaj said, "Considering that my wife cannot walk, arrangements were made to allow us on priority into the voting booths."

In another case, Nishta Jain (in image), a 27-year-old patient from Manipal Hospital Millers Road is a kidney transplant recipient who suffered from Lupus Nephritis. She and her mother had cast votes on Wednesday. **BMB**

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CENTENARIANS MAKE A MARK

In Nelamangala, 105-year-old Gangamma visited the polling booth in a wheelchair. Anand Alva (107), father of M Mohan Alva (founder of Alvas Education trust) also walked to the booth to cast his vote.

This was the first state-wide assembly election where the Vote-From-Home option was given to elderly people who completed 80 years and were unable to reach the polling station, according to an election officer.

Boramma, a centenarian from Melagodu in Holenarasipur Taulk of Hassan district, however, chose to walk to the polling booth with a stick for support holding the hand of her son.

After casting her vote, Boramma said, "I am happy to vote. I have been voting for the past 60 years. I never ever missed a single election without voting." Many elderly voters reached the polling booths on wheel-chairs like Nagalakshmi, 84, who cast her vote at Malleswaram.

HAPPY FAMILY

While it was a common to see many family members headed together to vote, an ultra-large family from Chikkaballapur surprised many. Around 65 members of the Badam family in Chikkaballapur visited the polling booth together to cast their vote. A theme-based polling station at Kalaghatagi constituency in Dharwad district caught the attention with the entire polling staff wearing colourful attire of nomadic tribe Lambani.

SPOT DHARNA

An 85-year-old woman staged a dharna in front of a polling booth in Gadag district. Muktimbi Doddamani had arrived at the booth along with her grandson. She had requested the polling officers to allow her grandson to help her cast the vote as she was frail. However, the officials didn't allow her grandson and instead another official accompanied her to the EVM. Later, she staged a dharna alleging that the official didn't press the button which she wanted to. As the dharna went on for a while, senior officials had to enter the spot and pacify the woman.

'SWITCH OFF PHONES'

In a few polling booths, the security personnel were instructing the voters to switch off their mobile phones before they entered the booth. When asked, the personnel said that it was a violation of rules to record or take photos while casting a vote. Hence, as a precautionary measure, the voters were asked to switch off the mobile phones. During the previous years, many voters had created flutter when they had shared photos and videos of them casting their votes.

BLACK MAGIC FEARS

While some offered prayers before the election started, there were allegations that black magic was being performed at polling stations. After a few dolls and other items were found near a polling station in Lokapura, Mudhol, a war of words was exchanged between Congress and BJP workers over the alleged black magic rituals performed a day before. Meanwhile, the municipality workers had a tough time clearing the items to ensure the polling was on. **–BMB**

Mismanagement in Yeshwanthpur impacts voting

Heavy crowds and lack of queue at booths leave voters confused

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The Yashasvi School in the Yeshwanthpur constituency witnessed a multitude of issues when people went to cast their votes, which have been brought to the attention of the Election Commission. The school, which housed five polling booths, was mismanaged and too small to hold the huge crowd.

Residents revealed that mismanagement at the polling booths, characterised by heavy crowds and a lack of queue management, left voters confused and exacerbated the chaotic situation. The five polling booths, which had a total of 6,000 voters together, saw a huge rush, and as the place was too narrow, many people could not be accommodated. Voting, which was scheduled to start at 7 am, was delayed. People came and waited until 7:45-8 am, and many didn't get a chance to vote due to the rush and lack of space to stand.

The residents alleged that one of the major issues faced by voters was the bottleneck at the entry point. "Instead of a well-organised queue, people were allowed to form a disorganised crowd, reminiscent of a bustling market. Some even left the place without voting. We are not sure if they came back later to vote again," said Srivatsa, a resident of Kanakapura.

Another voter said, "It was an absolute nightmare. The lack of proper queue management and the haphazard booth allocation system created an atmosphere of chaos. It felt like we were participating in a disorganised event rather than exercising our right to vote."

Apart from this, residents pointed out that the EVM had stopped working in the afternoon, and many residents had to wait to cast their vote. "The polling booth had a lot of issues. There is also construction going on in the same building, and putting a polling booth there was not a smart choice. With the EVMs not working for a while, the frustration just added up. Higher officials had to come and manage the crowd and set up the machine," added Srivatsa.

Yashasvi School in Yeshwanthpur saw a huge rush, as the place was too narrow

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ಎಸ್ .ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ ಬಳಿಕ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಜೀವನದ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಘಟ್ಟ ಎನಿಸಿರುವ ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಿತ ಮತ್ತು ವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ತಪ್ಪಿದವರಿಗೆ. ಪ್ರೋ . ಎ.ವೈ ನಾಯ್ಕ್ ಅವರ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಪಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಶ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಕಲುಬುರಗಿಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಗುರು ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರ ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಮಹಾ ವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯವು ಒಂದಾಗಿದೆ. ದಿವಂಗತ ಪ್ರೋ ಎ.ವೈ .ನಾಯ್ಕ್ ಅವರು ಮೂಲತಃ ಕಾರವಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯವರು, ಅವರ ನೆಲ ಕಂಡು ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದು ಕಲುಬುರಗಿಯಲ್ಲಿ. ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಶಿಕ್ಷಕರಾಗಿ ಸುದೀರ್ಘ ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಲ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಬೋಧಿಸಿದ ಅನುಭವ ಮತ್ತು ವೃತ್ತಿ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಗಳಿಸಿದ ಜಾಗತಿಕ ಜ್ಞಾನದ ಧಾರೆ ಎರೆಯಲು ಮಹೋನ್ನತ ಧ್ಯೇಯದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಗುರು ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರ ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯವನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿದರು . ಬಡ ಕುಟುಂಬದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆದಿದ್ದ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬಡತನ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದ ಮಹತ್ವವನ್ನು ಸಾರಿ ಹೇಳಿತು. ಶಿಕ್ಷಣವು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯ ಜೀವನ ಕ್ರಿಯಾ ಬದಲಾಯಿಸುವ ವಿಶೇಷ ಮೂಲ ಎಂದು ಅವರ ಬಲವಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿದ್ದರು .

ಪ್ರತಿಭೆ, ಶ್ರಮಿಕ ಹರಿಷ್ಟ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಮಾಣಿಕತೆಯ ವೀಕ್ಷಕ ರೂಪವೇ ಅವರ ಒಟ್ಟು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಪಕತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇವಲ 18 ವರ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಳ್ವರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇವಾನಿರತವಾಗಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ ಗುರು ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರ ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಹರಿಕಾರವಾಗಿರು . ಮೌಲ್ಯಯುತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕಾರಯುತ ಬೋಧನೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಅಲ್ಪ ಪ್ರಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಆತ್ಯಾಧುನ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶಕ್ತ ಆಕರ್ಷಿಣಿತ ಸಾಧನೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಿತ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಾಗಿ ಹೊರಹೊಮ್ಮಿದೆ.

ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಜೀವನದ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ನಿರ್ಣಾಯಕ ಹಂತ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಮನಗಂಡಿದ್ದ ಅವರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆತ್ಯಾಧುನ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಪಾಠಾವರಣ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಅವರ್ಕೆ ಬಲಾಡಾದ ಅಡಿಪಾಯವನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದರು ಅವಿಶ್ರಾಂತರೇಯ. ಕೇವಲ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಸಚಿಸುವ ಬದಲು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಥಪೂರ್ಣವಾದ ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ನೀಡುವ ನಿರ್ಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರದ್ದು ದೃಢಸಂಕಲ್ಪವಾಗಿತು. ಅವರ ದೂರ ದೃಷ್ಟಿ, ಫಲವಾಗಿಯೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಗುರು ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರ ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಉತ್ತರ ಪ್ರಮಿಯ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತನ್ನ ಹೆಸರಿನ ಅಚ್ಚಳಿಯದ ಮುದ್ರೆಯನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಿದೆ. ಸಿ.ಇ.ಟಿ ಟಾಪರ್ಸ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ಲಕ್ಷ ನಗದು ಬಹುಮಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಹತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಂ . ಬೆಳ್ಳಿ ಪದಕ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹದಾಯಕವಾಗಿ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಅವರ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಪ್ರೇಮ ಅವರ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಕ್ರಾಂತಿಗೆ ಹಿಡಿದ ಕೈಗನ್ನಡಿಯಾಗಿದೆ.

2019 -20 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗ್ರ ಶ್ರೇಯಾಂಕ ಗಳಿ

ಸಿಯಿಂ. ಹರಿಶ್ಚಿದ್ರರಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಯಜ್ಞ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಪ್ರಯಾಣ ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಿರುವ ಈ ಕಾಲೇಜು **2019-20ರ** ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ವರ್ಷದ ಹರಿಶ್ಚಿಮಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಲ್ಲಮೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಗ್ರ ಶ್ರೇಯಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಗಳಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ ತನ್ನ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠತೆಯನ್ನು ಸಾಬೀತುಪಡಿಸಿದೆ. ಕಾಲೇಜು ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ವಿಭಾಗದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಸಿಯಿಂ. ಹರಿಶ್ಚಿದ್ರರಲ್ಲಿ ಶೇ.99.24 ಅಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಗಳಿಸಿದೆ. ನಿಕಿತಾ ಯು.ಪಾಟೀಲ್ ಎಂಬ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿ ಕಾಲೇಜಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಹಣೆಯಿಂದಿದ್ದಾಳೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂಕಿತಾ ಎಸ್ ಪಾಟೀಲ್ 600 ಕ್ಕೆ 590 (ಶೇ.98.33) ಅಂಕ ಗಳಿಸಿವ್ಯಾ ಸಾಧನೆಯೇ ಸರಿ. ಇವರಂತೆ ಮೀರಾಜ್ ತಹೀಮ್ 588/600 (ಶೇ.98) ಎಂಡಣೇ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಹಾಗೂ ಸೈಯದ್ ಅಬ್ದುಲ್ ರಶೀದ್ ಸೋಹೆಲ್ 583/600 (ಶೇ.97.16) ಅಂಕಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮೂರನೇ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಪಡೆದು ತಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರತಿಭೆ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಕೀರ್ತಿಪತಾಕೆಯನ್ನು ಎಂದೇ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಿಂದ ಮೊದಲ ಮೂರು ಟಾಪರ್ಸ್ಗಳಾಗಿ ಸಾಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಅದ್ಭುತ ಫಲಿತಾಂಶಕ್ಕೆಂದೇ ಪಾತ್ರವಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರ ಒಟ್ಟು ಶ್ರೇಯ ಈ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ವಿಕ್ಷಣ ತಜ್ಞ. ಪ್ರೋ . ಎ.ವೈ .ನಾಯ್ಕ್ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಆಶಾದಾಯಕ ಪ್ರಯಾಣ ....

ಪ್ರೋ . ಎ.ವೈ ನಾಯ್ಕ್ ಅವರು ಮಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸಕರಾಗಿ ಸೇವೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವಾಗಲೇ ಸಂಜೆ ಪಾಠ ಪ್ರಾವಚನಕಾರರಾಗಿ ಬಡ ಹಿಂದಿ ಕಲುಬುರಗಿಗೆ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶಿಯಾದರು. ಅವರು ಎಂ.ಎಸ್ಸಿ ಕೆಮಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿ, ಎಂ.ಫಿಲ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದರು. ಕೇವಲ ಮೂವರು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆಂದು 1982 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಚ್ಚು ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟ್ಯೂಷನ್ ತೆಗೆ ಮಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದ್ದರು, ಹಾಗೆಯೇ ಆರಂಭಿಸಿದ ಟ್ಯೂಷನ್ ಕ್ಲಾಸ್ ಆದು ಬ್ಯಾಚ್ಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ 1200 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಲುಪಿತು. ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಮತ್ತು ಮೆಡಿಕಲ್ ಸಂತಹ ವೃತ್ತಿಪರ ಕೋರ್ಸಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಲು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಮೂಡಿಸಿದರು. ಅವರು ಬಡ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಉಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಟ್ಯೂಷನ್ ಕ್ಲಾಸ್ ತೆಗೆ ಮಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದ್ದರಿಂದ. ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಪೆನ್ನ್ , ಬೈಸಿಕಲ್ ಮತ್ತು ಬಸ್ಸು ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಿದರು. ಅವರು ಟಾಪರ್ಗಳಿಗೆ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ 10.20.30 ಮತ್ತು 100 ರೂ.ಗಳು ಬಹುಮಾನ ಕಲುಬುರಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹುಟ್ಟು ಉತ್ಸಾಹ ಮತ್ತು ಗಗನ ಬಹು ಮಾನ ಹಣೆಯಲು ಉತ್ಸುಕತೆಯನ್ನು ಉಂಟು ಮಾಡಿತು. 2002 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರೋ . ಎ.ವೈ .ನಾಯ್ಕ್ ವಿಷಲ್ಎಸ್ (ಸ್ವಯಂ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ) ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಶ್ರೀ ಗುರು ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸುವುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ವಿಕ್ಷಣ್ಕೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಸಮಯ ನೀಡಿದರು. ಸ್ಪಿಪ್ತಿಯಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನೀಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ ವಿಕ್ಷಣ್ಣಾಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂಂಡಿಸ ಹಂತಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಂಡೊಯ್ದರಲ್ಲದೆ ಕಲುಬುರಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಕ್ಷಣ್ಣಾಂತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಹೆಗ್ಗಳಿಕೆ ಅವರದ್ದು.

ತಂದೆಯ ಯಶೋಮಾರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ

ಪ್ರೋ . ಆಕಾಶ್ ನಾಯ್ಕ್ ಅವರು ಶ್ರೀ ಗುರು ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರ ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಎಂಬಿಂದಿಗೂ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಕರ್ತರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರ ಆರಂಭಿಕ ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿಯನ್ನು ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅವರು ಪ್ರತಿಕಣವು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಸಾಧನೆ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಪ್ರೇರಕ ಶಕ್ತಿಯೂ ಆದರೆ. ಅವರು ಪ್ರತಿಕಣವು ನಮ್ಮೊಂದಿಗೆ ಇರು ವಿಶ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು ಆವರ ಕೋಂದರ ಯಶೋಮಾರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ವಿಕ್ಷಣ ಗುಣಾಮ್ಮಕ ವಿಷಯಾರ್ಥ ಮೋದಕ ಮತ್ತು ಮೋಧಕೇತರ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯನ್ನು ಆತಲಂಬಿಸಿದ್ದು, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಗುಣಾತ್ಮಕ ವಿಕ್ಷಣ ನೀಡುವ ಗುರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಕಲ್ಪ ನಾವೆಗೆ ನಾವು ಸದಾಕಾಲ ಬದ್ಧರಾಗಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

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PRINCIPAL, MANAGEMENT & STAFF CONGRATULATE THE TOPPERS

COLLEGE TOPPER - 1

HAADIYA BAHADUR
586/600 - 97.67%
PCMB : 99.25 %
PCM : 99.33% PCB : 99%
Maths : 100/100

COLLEGE TOPPER - 2

JAYARAJ BELAMAGI
582/600 - 97%
PCMCs : 97 %
PCM : 96% PCCs : 96%
Maths & Cs: 100/100

COLLEGE TOPPER - 3

AKASH MALIPATIL
581/600 - 96.83%
PCMB : 97 %
PCM : 97.33% PCB : 96.67%
Kannada: 100/100

COLLEGE TOPPER - 3

VAISHNAV KULKARNI
581/600 - 96.83%
PCMB : 97.75 %
PCM : 98.67% PCB : 97.33%
Physics: 100/100

Physics : 100/100	- 11
Maths : 100/100	- 06
Comp Sci : 100/100	- 06
Kannada : 100/100	- 03
Hindi : 100 /100	- 02

Distinction: 271
317 First Class

OVER ALL **98.72%**

2023
PUC - 2
TOPPERS

NEET / JEE / K-CET TOPPERS - 2021-22

NAGARAJ AWANTAGI

Topper of Kalyan - Karnataka Region in Engg. Stream
NEET Marks : 605
JEE (Mains) : 98.6Pctl.
B.Sc. Agri : 75
Vet : 735
BNYS : 735
K-CET Rank 193

Felicitated With
10gm Gold

Felicitated With
5gm Gold

NEET TOPPER
NEET Marks : 618
K-CET Rank : 2654
JEE (Mains) : 93.6Pctl.
B.Sc. Agri : 1057
Vet : 1089

NAGARAJ AWANTAGI

IIT - JEE TOPPERS

Raghavendra Y.
JEE (Mains) All India Rank 83
Got Seat in NIT, Surathkal

Anurag N
JEE (Mains) AIR : 3867
JEE (Adv) AIR : 1241
Got Seat in NIT, Surathkal

Vinaykumar
JEE (Mains) AIR : 2590
Got Seat in NIT, Surathkal

PUC TOPPERS 2020

STATE RANK 7 | DISTRICT RANK 1

NIKITA U. PATIL
P: 100 C: 100 M: 100 B: 100
Total : 590/600 98.33%
PCM : 100% PCB : 100%

STATE RANK 9 | DISTRICT RANK 2

MERAJ TAHREEM
P: 99 C: 100 M: 99 B: 97
Total : 588/600 98%
PCM : 99.33% PCB : 98.67%

DISTRICT RANK 3

SYED ABDUL RASHED
P: 100 C: 99 M: 97 B: 98
Total : 583/600 97.17%
PCM : 98.67% PCB : 99%

Over All 99.24 %
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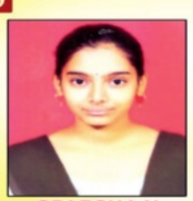
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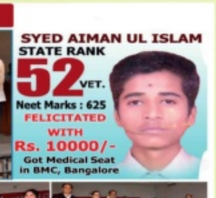
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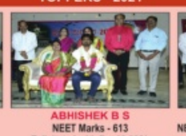
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Something pretty? Trash it

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The check dam is a small, temporary dam constructed across a drainage ditch to slow down the flow of water and reduce erosion. Check dams are often used in parks and other natural areas to control erosion and improve water quality by allowing sediment to settle out of the water before it continues downstream. It can also be used to create small pools of water, which can provide habitat for aquatic plants.

Sunita from We Love Cubbon Park said, "The idea behind building the dam was to hold the dirty water coming from the metro side. Any muck or silt coming from it, will sleep into the ground. Water now flows out from this dam into the wetland and then goes to the lotus pond. This creates the wetland and then plants will grow which attracts many birds and insects. Now this structure is being used as a bin."

She said that people walking on the bridge use the dam as a convenient waste dumping spot. "Earlier there was a channel, where the waste water would go through it and seep into the ground. Now with the check dam structure, the waste holds still and stagnates. Only when there is more water, does it get absorbed. Since it's holding more water, it is also stinking," she explained.

> **"As the water coming through the dam is not clean and waste has been thrown into it, there is a stench**

This apart, walkers raised concerns about mosquito breeding at the spot. "As the water coming through the dam is not clean and waste has been thrown into it, there is a stench. Also, there are higher chances of mosquito breeding which could result in causing illnesses like dengue. The horticulture department or the BSCL should see to it that the waste inside the dam is cleared up on a regular basis. As of now, it is just left unattended," said a regular walker.

Visitors told BM that while recently a clean up of the dam was initiated, the worker was picking up the stuff using bare hands without any gloves or any sort of equipment.

"The workers should be given equipment to clear up the spot. The water is dirty and cleaning it with bare hands poses health risks to the worker. Yes, it needs to be cleaned up, but not at the cost of someone risking workers' health," added a walker.

KAUSHIK JN

Toll-averse cabbie gives family a tough time

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The Budigere stretch is dimly lit and there have been a number of incidents reported in the past. Former City Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao had also asked cab drivers not to take the alternative routes without toll. When I informed the airport officials, they were supportive and reported to the Uber team present at the airport. They stated that action would be taken against the driver. We got out of the cab. We then decided to book another cab."

Around 2.24 am, Shashank got an Ola ride. Here too, the driver insisted he wanted to go through the alternative route. "The driver started the ride and told us that he would take us through the alternative route. I told him I don't want to take that route and even told him that I will pay extra cash and asked him to take the toll route.

But he didn't budge. I called on the emergency number given on the Ola app where a customer service support personnel answered and listened to my grievance. The driver then stopped us at a highway which was 50 metres away from the toll booth. My wife and I were scared and did not know what to do. My child was crying continuously. We were helpless," he said.

Shashank and his family walked to the toll booth and there they got a place to sit. They then booked another cab from the toll which they got after 30-45 minutes. The family then reached home around 4.30 am. "The ride from the airport to the highway cost me around Rs 400. And from the toll to my place of residence, it was around Rs 1,200. It was not about the amount but how the driver stopped and dropped us half way in the middle of nowhere during the night," he said.

Shashank also took to Twitter to report about the incident and Ola support team tweeted back: "We don't intend for our customers to face a troublesome experience such as this. Don't worry, we're here to help you with this. Kindly share the CRN of this ride and your registered email ID via DM so that we can look into the matter at the earliest."

Airport officials on their Twitter handle wrote: "Hello, thank you for escalating this to us. We have forwarded your concern to our operations team to look into the matter soon."

Even the city police took note and messaged Shashank asking for his contact number along with cab details.

However, Shashank said he had so far not received any calls for assistance.

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SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

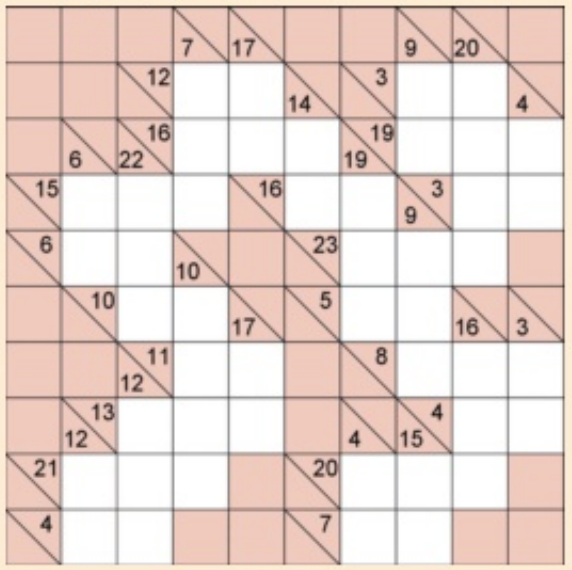
How many consecutive zeroes is there at the far right of 1000!

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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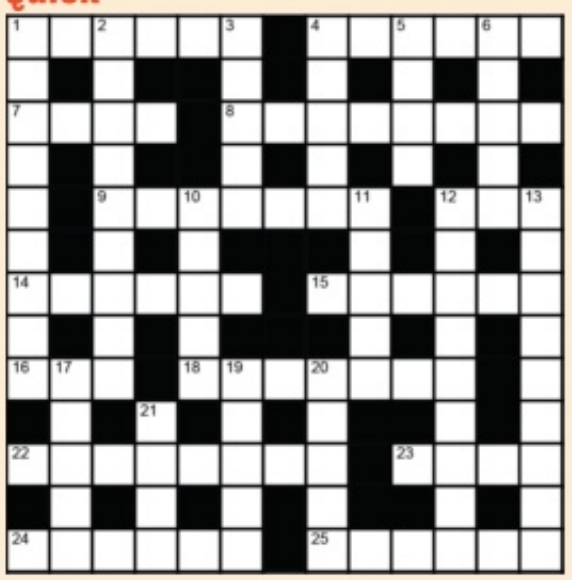


ACROSS

1 Agile (6)
4 Prey (6)
7 Skin eruption (4)
8 Baby's problem (8)
9 Moving fast (7)
12 Lad (3)
14 Weaken (6)
15 Givers (6)
16 Himalayan ox (3)
18 Salivated or slobbered (7)
22 Happening often (8)
23 Stiff paper (4)
24 Works on dough (6)
25 Impulsively (6)

DOWN

1 Usual state (9)
2 Popular dessert in Karnataka and the rest of the country as well (6,3)
3 Pop star ___ John (5)
4 Female sovereign (5)
5 A dull pain (4)
6 John, Paul, George and _____ (5)
10 Mythical nymph (5)
11 Malevolent spirit (5)
12 Gory massacre? (5,4)
13 The day before? (9)
17 Pinafore (5)
19 Those feeling remorseful or those who are regretting? (5)
20 Aquatic animal (5)
21 Water in Latin (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Y EQUALS T

BPIIDG YPG SUZG YPQY UD EIDY XDGZXS, QMT PQVUY FUSS EQHG UY YPG EIDY QJCG-GQVSG.

Linemaro

My heart is perfect because...you are inside

Mindchow

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees

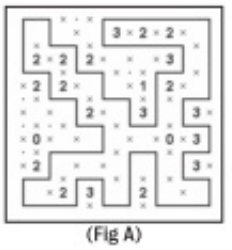
Joke of the day

When you finally get your head together, your body is falling apart

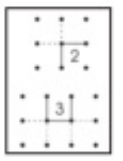
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



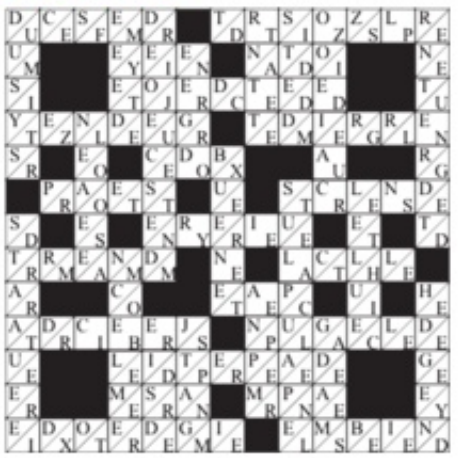
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

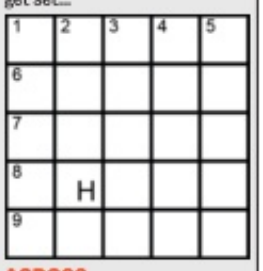
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

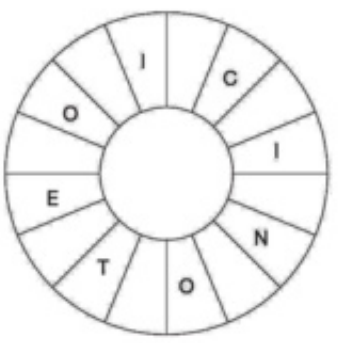
1 Poser; 6 Heard; 7 In CIA; 8 Hew at; 9 Small

DOWN

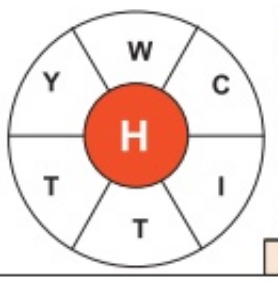
1 Whams; 2 A chap; 3 Oiler; 4 Learn; 5 Diets

Mensapuzzle

Find the starting point and read clockwise to find a familiar phrase (5 2 3 6). Only alternate letters are shown.



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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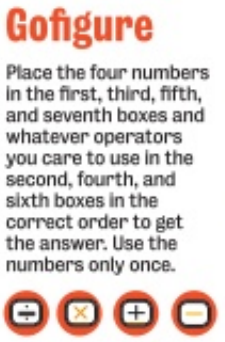
		5		8		3		
2								8
9			3		5			7

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

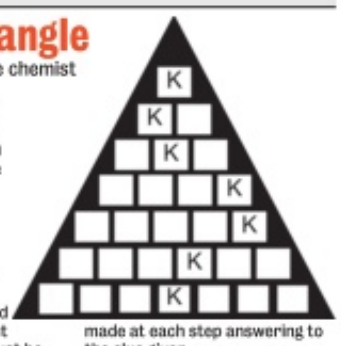
Differences: 1. Boy's arm is higher. 2. Woman's leg is moved. 3. Purse is missing. 4. Man's arm is moved. 5. Woman's shirt is shorter. 6. Window shutter is missing.

Riddler

Fake shot. Next line. _ Eyes dull. Fill mine. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Potassium for the chemist
2 Knockout abbr
3 Says yes, briefly
4 Foot cover
5 Broker's concern
6 Light bulb's place
7 Missiles



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

SORRY TO THE BOTH OF YOU FOR THE MISUNDER-STANDING.
DEAN, YOU CAN GO BACK TO BEING THE MASCOT FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON. I'LL TALK TO THE COACH.
AND HEART, THE NEXT TIME YOU WANT TO PROTEST, COME TO ME FIRST.
TCH. WE'LL SEE.
I MEAN, UH... I'LL CONSIDER THAT COURSE OF ACTION NEXT TIME.

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, happiness may be around you, which can help you enjoy your day-to-day work. Your vital power may help you make difficult decisions that will increase your profits in the near future. You may plan a work-related short trip, and subordinates and colleagues may support you in completing your work on time. Students may find themselves more focused on their studies. You are advised to control your eating habits to avoid stomach issues.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel dull, and sleeplessness may affect your mental and physical health. You may also be upset due to the health issues of a family member, and your expenditure on worthless stuff may affect your savings. You may be a victim of a conspiracy, so you are advised to keep an eye on your opponents.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may start your day with happiness. At work, you may make quick decisions that may give benefits in the near future. You may expect some new sources of income that may boost your savings. With the help of your partner, you may invest some amount in the business, which may be profitable in the near future. Your understanding with your spouse may increase, resulting in harmony in your domestic life.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be busy at your office, and due to mental tiredness, you may not be able to give time to your family. With the help of elders' blessings, job seekers may get a high position in their job, and managers may get promoted to top management. You may get rewards that may increase your status, and professionally, you may do better.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be happy and have good patience, which may reflect in your way of working. You may complete your tasks efficiently and plan to visit some religious place. You may make some donations to a charity. Love birds may develop trust in their relationship, and you may be able to control your opponents.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel unhappy and dull, which affects your way of working, and there may be some delay in completing your projects. It may affect your prestige in your professional and domestic life, and it is advised to avoid adventure tours or rush driving. Love birds may have some break up, and job seekers may be disappointed in terms of a new job.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel positive vibrations around you, and things are under control. You may plan to start a new business in partnership and expect some long-distance travel as well. You will make faith with your spouse, which will bring harmony to your domestic life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may perform your best in the office and have a good bond with your boss. You may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions, and chronic health issues may be cured. You may also receive good incentives for your work. Disputes with siblings may be resolved now, and job seekers may find a new job.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel that your life is becoming challenging, and you may take advice from your elders to sustain in the given situation. You need to keep patience, and kids' education may also make you upset, so you may take a short trip in terms of their academics. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making any investments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be a victim of dissatisfaction, and you may not get the results of your hard work, which may be disappointing. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing a new contract, and investment in assets may also be possible. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be busy with social events and family gatherings, which may help you expand your network. You may also plan for a short work-related trip. Disputes with your siblings may be resolved now. Your subordinates may cooperate with you to complete a difficult project. Your confidence may be high, but you are advised to keep patience while interacting with others.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be busy with family gatherings, and you may become more polite with the people around you, which may improve your image among relatives and friends. You may spend money on buying some artifacts or other things that can enhance your social status. You may also hear some good news from a close relative.

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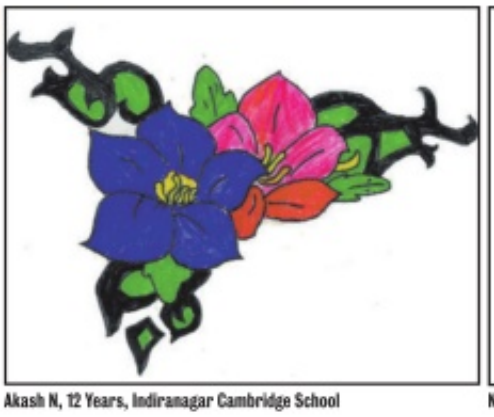

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
1000=5= 200
200=5= 40
40=5= 8
8=5= 1
1=5= 0
200+40+8+1=249
1000! has 249 zeroes.

BULL'S EYE
itch, itchy, twitch, TWITCHY, whit, witch, with

FAST FIVE

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MENSA PUZZLE
signs of the zodiac

RIDDLER
Blank

QUOTE UNCODE
Choose the life that is most useful, and habit will make it the most agreeable.

SUDOKU

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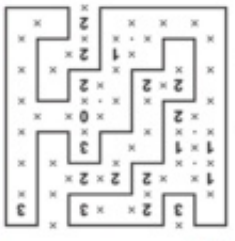
1	6	9	5	3	4	7	8	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
K, KO, OKs, Sock, Stock, Socket, Rockets.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 9 − 6 + 4 = 16
Medium
2 + 4 / 2 + 4 = 7
Hard
3 + 5 × 8 + 1 = 65

LOOP



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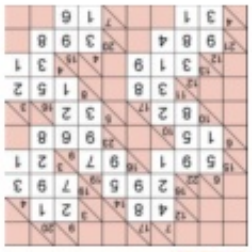

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New look — Shraddha Kapoor recently regaled her fans with a new post on Insta. She was sporting a short haircut and relaxing at her home, in casual wear, as she posed with a mug of her favourite hot beverage. Fans gave her new look a big thumbs-up

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Khaki suits her

Sonakshi explains cop connection in her life

Sonakshi Sinha seems to have a penchant for the cop universe - she made her debut in cop film Dabangg in 2010 and now, she is playing one herself in her debut OTT show. However, do you know there is one more cop connection to her and this one involves her father?

Revealing more, Sonakshi recently said that during childhood, her father Shatrughan Sinha used to tell everyone that his daughter will become a cop when she grows up. Needless to say, the shotgun of Bollywood is elated that his daughter is playing a cop and Sonakshi even shared the show's first look with her dad.

Talking about the show, Sonakshi revealed that it was a powerful role, something she had been looking for a long time. She further added that it isn't a run-of-the-mill character, and she's quite excited that the audience will see her in a long format for the first time. Sonakshi has learnt bike riding, judo and action stunts for the drama series. This apart, she will also be seen in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's magnum opus Heeramandi, which marks Sanjay's debut on OTT. She will be part of a huge ensemble cast which includes names like , Aditi Rao Hydari and Richa Chadha. —ETimes

Drop this topic, please

Naga Chaitanya recently expressed his disappointment with regard to the coverage of his relationship with Samantha Ruth Prabhu by the media. He also felt that it was wrong to speculate his relationship with a 'third person'.

Talking about the same, Chaitanya told a news portal that he doesn't care when they talk about his movies. However, when it comes to family-related matters, he gets hurt a little bit. According to him, it is wrong to bring some third party into it and talk about them. He also urged the media not to manipulate people.

The actor also added that it has been almost a year since the court has given them divorce on mutual consent. He felt sad that people are still dragging the topic just for the sake of headlines and speculating something by pulling a third person, other names and their family into this issue for no reason or no fault at all of the third party. Now that he has given a clarification, the actor hoped that people would stop speculating and just move. Naga Chaitanya and Samantha Ruth Prabhu got married in 2017 and announced their separation four years later. —ETimes

IT'S ALL GOOD

KL Rahul shared an update on social media, stating that he has undergone a successful surgery on his thigh and "officially started his road to recovery". Reacting to his post, Athiya Shetty shared the same on Instagram stories with a heart and an evil eye emoji. "Hi everyone, I just got done with my surgery - it was successful. A big thank you to the doctors and medical staff for making sure I was comfortable and everything went smoothly. I'm officially on the road to recovery now. I'm determined to get back to my best and get back on the field. Onwards and upwards!" KL Rahul had shared in his post. In a recent interview, KL Rahul's father-in-law, Suniel Shetty had stated that they don't discuss the cricketer's failure at home. Calling him a fighter, Suniel had stated that KL Rahul plays for the country and that they discuss everything else to take their mind off the sport.

Athiya Shetty and KL Rahul got hitched in January this year at Suniel Shetty's palatial Khandala bungalow Jahan. —ETimes

Arjun looks South

Arjun Rampal who is known for his performances in movies like Rock On!!, Om Shanti Om, Don amongst others, is all set to make his debut in a Telugu film. The actor will play the role of an antagonist in director Anil Ravipudi next with Natasimha Nandamuri Balakrishna, who is often referred to as God of the Masses. Of late, there has been a growing trend of Hindi film actors making their way to work down South - from Amitabh Bachchan to Deepika Padukone to Saif Ali Khan to Nawazuddin Siddiqui, many actors have landed meaty roles in South cinema. Arjun, who has been part of the Hindi film industry for more than two decades, was earlier supposed to mark his entry into Telugu cinema with Pawan Kalyan's Hari Hara Veera Mallu but had to eventually step back due to date issues. He has reportedly been replaced by Bobby Deol in the period drama.

Coming back to his magnum opus with Natasimha Nandamuri, to mark the announcement, the makers of the film released a video with Arjun mouthing a famous Telugu dialogue of lead actor Balakrishna. As per reports, Arjun has already reached Hyderabad to begin shooting for the film. Kajal Aggarwal is paired opposite Balakrishna in the same. This apart, Arjun has already lined up Aparna Sen's The Rapist, which is currently doing the festival round. On the personal front, he is set to embrace fatherhood again with girlfriend Gabriella Demetriades.. —ETimes